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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Jerry Glazier
American Cometco, Inc.
155 West 100 South
Hurricane, Utah 84737

Re: Division Directive Regarding Mine Hazards, American Cometco, Inc., Etna Mine,
S/021/009, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Glazier:

The Division recently inspected the Etna Mine site located in the SW ¼ of Section 36, T33S, R20W, Iron County, Utah. It was noted, at that time, that safety hazards exist at the site that need to be corrected. An unfenced shaft and sinkhole (photos enclosed) presently exist at the site. These features present a public safety hazard to anyone visiting the mine site. At a minimum, these features must be securely fenced and signs posted to warn the public of their existence in accordance with Utah Administrative Rule R647-3-106.1 - Operation Practices, which states:

106.1 Public Safety and Welfare – The operator shall minimize hazards to the public safety and welfare during operations. Methods to minimize hazards shall include but not limited to:

106.1.11 The closing and guarding of shafts and tunnels to prevent unauthorized and accidental entry in accordance with MSHA regulations.

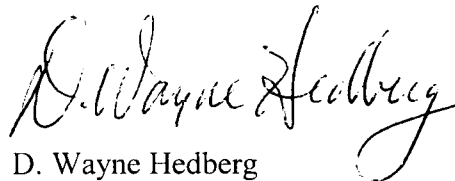
Onsite conditions are presently in violation of this section of the Administrative Rules. You are hereby directed to **take immediate action to either permanently close, or provide alternate measures to secure/guard these dangerous openings. This task must be completed within 60 days of your receipt of this letter, or by October 10, 2002, whichever is earlier.** Please notify us within 10 days of your receipt of this notice advising us of the actions American

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Cometco will take to correct this problem. We also request notification when the work is completed, so we may inspect the site to determine adequacy of the closure work. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in additional enforcement action that could result in the termination of the small mine permit, reclamation of the site, and the loss of the SITLA mineral lease ML 48151.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements of this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286, or Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,



D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Inspection Memo w/photo
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